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SUBJ: FALL MEETING OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON EAST-WEST  
CULTURAL CONTACTS

REF: USNATO 3280 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT OPPOSES TURKISH WISH TO  
INVITE SPAIN TO ATTEND FALL MEETING IN ANKARA OF SUBJECT  
WORKING GROUP. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR USE JULY 16, BEFORE  
JULY 17 POLADS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

NETHERLANDS DELOFF DOLLEMAN CONTACTED USNATO JULY 13  
TO STATE ON INSTRUCTIONS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT OPPOSED THE  
TURKISH WISH TO INVITE SPAIN TO ATTEND THE FALL MEETING IN  
ANKARA OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON EAST-WEST CULTURAL  
CONTACTS. (TURKISH POLAD EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISH  
AT JULY 10 POLADS MEETING)

2. DOLLEMAN SAID NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TOOK THE VIEW  
THAT WORKING GROUP WAS AN INFORMAL FORUM FOR A FRANK AND  
OPEN EXCHANGE. GON OPPOSED PARTICIPATION BY NON-NATO  
MEMBERS WHICH DID NOT SHARE COMMON IDEALS AND INTERESTS WITH  
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THE NATO STATES. PARTICIPATION WAS LIMITED BY  
TRADITION TO NATO MEMBERS. BEFORE INVITING SPAIN, TURKEY  
MIGHT HAVE CONSIDERED INVITING SWEDEN OR SWITZERLAND WHICH, WHILE  
NOT NATO MEMBERS, AT LEAST SHARED DEMOCRATIC IDEALS OF

THE ALLIANCE. DOLLEMAN ASKED US TO REPORT NETHERLANDS POSITION TO WASHINGTON.

3. DOLLEMAN INDICATED HE HAD ASKED TURKISH POLAD WHETHER ANKARA HAD ALREADY INVITED SPAIN OR WHETHER TURKISH STATEMENT JULY 10 WAS FOR PURPOSE OF SOUNDING OUT NATO COUNTRIES ON THE POSSIBILITY. TURKISH POLAD HAD REPLIED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT CLEAR ON THIS POINT.

4. AS REPORTED REFTEL, PROPOSED WORKING GROUP MEETING DATES OF OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 3 ARE ON POLADS AGENDA FOR JULY 17, AND NETHERLANDS WILL DOUBTLESS RAISE AND OPPOSE TURKISH WISH TO INVITE SPAIN UNLESS TURKEY DROPS THE IDEA BEFORE THEN. DENMARK AND PERHAPS OTHERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO OPPOSE INVITATION TO SPAIN.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE WORKING GROUP IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATO COUNTRIES, THERE ARE NO FORMAL TIES TO NATO AND NATO DOES NOT MONITOR OR DISCUSS WORKING GROUP AGENDA OR ACTIVITIES. WHILE IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE THAT SPAIN ATTEND THE ANKARA MEETING, WE CAN ALSO SEE DISADVANTAGES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSES THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS ASPECT OF THE CSCE, SINCE SPAIN IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CSCE "NATO CAUCUS." THE PRESENT ISSUE IS PART OF A MUCH LARGER QUESTION WHICH NATO WILL BE ADDRESSING IN CONNECTION WITH ITS DISCUSSIONS OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS, AMONG OTHERS. IT WOULD THUS SEEM ADVISABLE TO KEEP THE WORKING GROUP INVITATION ISSUE OUT OF NATO. ON JULY 16, WE WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE TURKS AND DUTCH TO REFRAIN FROM PURSUING THE ISSUE OF INVITATIONS TO NON-NATO COUNTRIES IN NATO FORUMS. THE POLADS MEETING ON JULY 17 WOULD THUS SETTLE ON THE DATES FOR THE ANKARA MEETING AND THE TURKS COULD PURSUE THEIR INTEREST IN SPANISH PARTICIPATION THROUGH NORMAL BILATERAL CHANNELS. REQUEST GUIDANCE. MCAULIFFE

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